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Commissioner Robert McDowell
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Office of the Secretary

Dear Commissioner McDowell,

I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to the merger of XM and Sirius Satellite Radio. Allowing the only two satellite radio companies to merge would create a classic monopoly that would cost consumers more while giving them less choice and a lower quality service.

A merged XM/Sirius monopoly will drive up prices for consumers. While the new company says it will offer some lower-priced packages, many current subscribers may have to buy higher-priced premium packages to get the same channels they currently enjoy. Who knows how much more they would have to pay to take advantage of the full range of channels offered by both companies.

XM and Sirius claim that their merger would allow consumers to have access to more channels by giving subscribers access to both services. What these companies don't say is that their spectrums are actually limited, so both services will be forced to eliminate current channels in order to make room for those coming in from the other service. If they do manage to squeeze some new channels in, the quality of the transmission will be compromised, leaving consumers with poor reception and a bigger bill.

I hope you will take my thoughts into consideration and work to ensure that this merger proposal is rejected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Gregory".

John Gregory
Former member, State Central Committee
Former Manassas GOP ChairmanNo. of Copies rec'd 0
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